Abrams, Albert (1863-1924)

A San Francisco physician who devised a system of diagnosis and healing variously termed radionics**,** electronic medicine, or electronics**.** Abrams, who had a distinguished medical background, graduated in medicine at Heidelberg University, Germany and was professor of pathology at Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, California. Working on cancer patients, he believed that he had discovered that diseased tissue radiated an abnormal wave. His work further led to his invention of the oscilloclast**,** an electrical instrument for generating oscillations involving changes of skin potential, based on an electronic theory of disease. Developments of Abrams's apparatus have since come to be known as black boxes**.** In 1922, just two years before his death, the British Royal Society of Medicine issued a negative report on Abrams, and his work almost died out. It was picked up by Ruth Drown during the 1930s. His work was carried on by the American Association for Medico-Physical Research.

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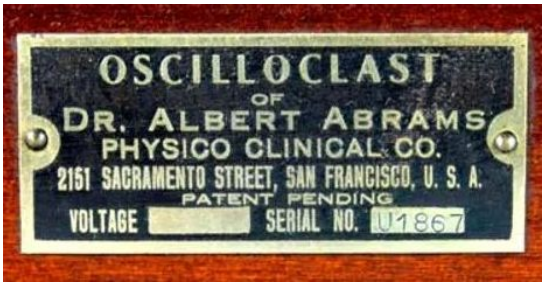

Two models that were sold after his death in 1924 were the Autoclast and the Patho-Oscillograph.

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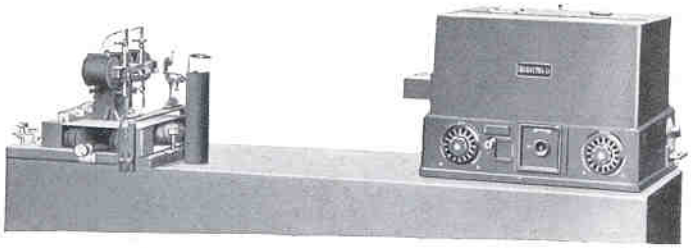

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Ruth Drown, Hollywood Chiropractic College

1920: Ruth B. Drown graduates from the LACC (Young JH, 253)

1922: Pasadena Chiropractic College founded on January 22 in Pasadena by Weberg with $500 "paid in capital", continues until 1948 when name is changed by [Ruth B?] Drown to Drown College of Chiropractic; in 1949 becomes Helen Sanders DC's Hollywood Chiropractic College (HCC), also known as Hollywood College, School of Naturopathic Physicians & Surgeons

1935 (July): The Scientific Chiropractor (Vol. 1, No. 2): Drown Laboratory of Radio Therapy, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Instrument" at 4706 Oakwood Avenue, LA (p.2) [1 block no of Beverly @Western]

1945 (Nov 21): letter to LM Rogers DC from Ruth B. Drown DC at 6509 [?] Sunset Blvd, Hollywood 46, California (nr Wilcox Ave)

Dr. L.M. Rogers
National Building
Webster City, Iowa

Dear Dr. Rogers:

In June of this year we bought the charter which was granted to the Pasadena College of Chiropractic in 1922. We started regular classes in July, with a few beginning students. We are inclosing our first brochure and we would be very glad to have you look it over. You will note that our curriculum calls for 4860 hours of instruction, whereas the California State Board of Chiropractic Examiners require 4000 hours for certification.

It is our sincere desire to make our school one of the best in the country, and to offer thorough training in chiropractic, radio therapy and other drugless healing arts.

We wish to have Drown College approved by the National Chiropractic College, and we would be very appreciative of your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DROWN COLLEGE OF RADIO THERAPY
AND NATURAL HEALING
By (S) Ruth B. Drown, D.C.
Ruth B. Drown, D.C.

1947 (July): Journal of the California Chiropractic Association (JCaCA), Vol. 4, No. 1; Ruth B. Drown DC is at 7509 Sunset Blvd, LA (p. 27) (@Gardner)

1948: Ruth B. Drown, DC, a 1923 graduate of LACC, is operating the Drown College of Chiropractic & Radio Therapy; also operates the Drown Laboratories in LA (Young JH.

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The medical messiahs: a social history of health quackery in twentieth-century America. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 1967, pp. 239-59)

1951 (March): Ruth B. Drown DC is at 1517 N Gardner St, LA (just N of Sunset)

1951 (Sept): HCC, located at 7950 Sunset Blvd, Hollywood CA,

1951 (Dec): JNCA [21(12)] includes: -"News Flashes: California" (pp. 44, 46):
RADIONICS DEVICE IS WORTHLESS

Promotion of "radio" machines for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and every other serious disease was the most bizarre violation of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act tried in the Federal courts in September, the Food and Drug Administration stated October 17th. Ruth B. Drown, Los Angeles chiropractor, was found guilty by a jury. Judge Harry C. Westover will pronounce sentence October 19.

Dr. Drown claimed that her machines can "tune in" the organs of the body with a single drop of the patient's blood, or two drops if the patient can't be there in person. This remote control is effective even when the operator does not know the patient's whereabouts, according to the Drown teachings At the 2-week jury trial in Los Angeles, one defense witness, a long-time patient of Dr. Drown's, said she had been treated successfully from Los Angeles when she contracted pneumonia at Atlantic City, N.J. She said she believed she would be healed even if she had an automobile accident in Moscow and the Drown machine had to tune in through the Iron Curtain.

FDA said the promoter claimed in leaflets and circulars that the only current used is that of "the patient's own body energy of life force." By tuning in on the radio frequency of the disease, according to Dr. Drown, the diseased cells automatically fall away. Her followers are careful to preserve their "body magnetism." At the trial one gave enthusiastic endorsement to the Drown admonition against shower baths. He explained taht water is a conductor which would connect the patient with the vibrations of the sewer.

The trial had its tragic side, FDA reported. The Government's key case history was that of a woman treated for cancer of the breast by the Drown Radio Therapeutic Instrument until her case became too advanced for successful surgery.

Government experts prominent in the fields of medical and chiropractic treatment, radio, and physics testified at the trial that the machines were worthless. - News Release - Federal Security Agency, Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C.

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